

# **Governor Carney seeks nominees for two At-Large vacancies on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council**

Governor Carney is seeking nominees for two vacant At-Large seats on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (MAFMC). One of the two seats is currently held by New York and the second is held by North Carolina. Although legally available to residents of any of the MAFMC states, MAFMC At-Large seats are rarely transferred from the state holding the At-Large seat when they become vacant. Delaware has rarely held an At-Large seat on the MAFMC and does not currently hold an At-Large seat on the MAFMC.

The MAFMC is responsible for managing fisheries in federal waters that extend from three miles to 200 miles offshore, from the coastal states of New York through North Carolina. The MAFMC manages fish species that are very important to Delaware, such as Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass.

Governor Carney may submit the applications of 3 qualified nominees for consideration for each At-Large MAFMC seat. Qualified nominees, through their occupational or other experiences, scientific expertise or training, must be knowledgeable and experienced in one or more fields related to the fishery resources within the MAFMC's geographical oversight. The qualifications required to be considered for nomination are presented in detail in the application kit.

If the nominees submitted by Delaware are appointed to either of the At-Large seats, they will:

- Undergo a background check before being approved as Delaware's Council member
- Serve a 3 year term, with the potential to be reappointed for two additional 3 year terms
- Attend 6 MAFMC meetings a year, each meeting typically lasting 4 days and each meeting held in a different MAMFC state
- Work collectively with other MAFMC members to achieve the Magnuson-Stevens Act conservation standards
- Have all meeting expenses (travel, hotel, meals) reimbursed by MAFMC
- Receive a stipend of \$474.16/day for every meeting day attended

If you would like to serve on the MAFMC, please download the application kit at [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/reg\\_svcs/Councils/Nominations/applicationkit.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/reg_svcs/Councils/Nominations/applicationkit.htm) . You may also contact the Fisheries Section of the Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife at

302-739-9914 for an application kit or more information. Completed applications must be submitted by **March 2, 2018** either by mail to Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife, Fisheries Section, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, by email to [DNRECFisheriesRegs@state.de.us](mailto:DNRECFisheriesRegs@state.de.us), or by fax to 302-739-6157.